

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – AREA BOARD 2
MEETING MINUTES for FEBRUARY 10-11, 2011
Oxford Suites, Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anderson (2/11/11)
Marie L. Blair
Stephen Concklin
Rosie Johansen
Verdine Mertens
Jean Phillips (2/10/11)
Colleen Ryberg
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

MEMBERS ABSENT

Steven Sharpe

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, AB2 Ex. Director
Sarah May, Community Program Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC Executive Dir.
Margaret Shipp, FNRC BOD, REI BOD
Stephanie Anderson, Debbie's daughter
Ryan Duncanwood, Self Advocate, SABE Rep.
Kristen Vaughn, Ryan' Staff
Cindy Adams, COMPASS
Isabel Cordoba, COMPASS
Virgil Blair, Marie's Husband
Vicki Shadd, Glenn County Office of Educ.
Molly Lex, Teacher GCOE
Candice Spielman, GCOE
Luis Vazquez, Student GCOE

1. CALL TO ORDER – February 10, 2011 – 1:01p.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

- A. Introduction** All introduced themselves. Board members congratulated Leroy Shipp on his new appointment as Chair of SCDD!
- B. Announcements** Robin reviewed the handouts, including the updated table of contents for Board Binders.
- C. Public Input** Ryan Duncanwood, Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Region 2 representative shared his prepared report for SABE's quarterly newsletter. He also introduced his fiancée, Isabel Cordoba.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, *Chair

- *A.** Approval of February 10-11, 2011 Agenda -

MOTION – That the agenda be approved as written.

M/S/C – V. Mertens/M. Yalow/ Passed Unanimously

- *B.** Approval of November 4-5, 2011 Minutes -

MOTION – That the minutes be approved as written.

M/S/C - M. Yalow /M. Blair/Passed Unanimously

- *C.** Approval of June 23-24, 2011 Meeting -

MOTION – That the June 23-24, 2011 be approved as a joint meeting/retreat with Far Northern Regional Center's Board of Directors at the Gaia Hotel in Anderson.

M/S/C – V. Mertens/M. Blair/Passed Unanimously

3. CORRESPONDENCE – Colleen Ryberg, *Secretary*

There was no Board correspondence.

4. COUNTY UPDATES – EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – All Members

Glenn County– *Mike Yalow* reported the Rusty Wagon project in Orland is targeted to open April 1, 2011. The 12/7/10 Business Symposium, a joint project between Orland City Council Business Development and CSU-Chico was a huge success and seemed to ignite community awareness and possibilities.

Shasta County – *Rosie Johansen* reported on Shasta County People First and said she enjoyed viewing *Rory O'Shea*, a DVD from AB2 Lending Library.

Siskiyou County – *Stephen Concklin* reported that Goodwill Industries in Oregon, who provided services in Siskiyou County, is no longer providing services in the county.

Tehama County – *Larry Stevens* reported the “Self Worth Project” discussed previously, was highlighted in the January Redding Record Searchlight. He will be attending a conference for the blind in Reno in July. He passed out a newspaper article about Trainor Park, built by city of Red Bluff with grant monies, did not include ADA upgrades. The city must include the ADA upgrades or pay back thousands of state grant dollars.

Verdine Mertens reported on several upcoming TCCC projects including the: Focus Film Festival and collaboration with Knights of Columbus; coordination of Emergency Preparedness Fair in April, 2011; Circle of Champions Award Luncheon in May, 2011, as well as, the Tri-County Coordinating Council meeting.

5. CHAIR REPORT – Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. SCDD Board Updates Leroy reported on his first meeting as SCDD Chair, which included a presentation from Project Search, an employment approach from Cincinnati, Ohio. Robin is recommending Project Search present at Supported Life 2011 Conference. Leroy is preparing to attend the 2011 Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. next week. Leroy discussed Employment First Initiative and the approach to building employment skills at age 14. Proposed budget reductions were reviewed and the impacts to the DD system. SCDD has a Legislative Platform regarding its positions on budget proposals and cuts.

B. Board Training & Committees Leroy appointed Verdine as Chair to a Board Training Committee. Verdine accepted and asked for volunteers. Rosie and Colleen joined. The Committee will develop a survey to gather training ideas from members and report outcomes and Committee recommendations.

C. Other Leroy reported on his involvement in Special Olympics, shared “Advocating with Your Elected Officials” by Area Board 9, “Preparation Leadership” and encouraged involvement in March 15-15, 2011 Grassroots Day in Sacramento. Robin encouraged interested members to contact Kay Cullis, FNRC.

6. AB2 STRATEGIC PLAN FORMAT & UPDATES – All Board Members

Robin reviewed Area Board 2's Strategic Plan (SP) process and reported all Area Board SP's needs to be updated and reformatted to match SCDD's State Plan and Federal “Area of Emphasis” by April 1, 2011. She requested approval for staff to do this.

MOTION – That staff update and reformat AB2's SP per SCDD direction by 4/1/11.

M/S/C – M. Yalow/R. Johansen/Passed Unanimously

7. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) Plan – All Board Members

A. SCDD Update Robin reported the SCDD is finalizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) application instructions. Funding amount of \$35,000 is expected.

B. Review PDG Timeline & Activity Plan Robin reviewed the draft timeline in the packet and noted it may be revised once the PDG process is finalized. Board discussed and confirmed they want to work as a “Committee of the Whole” to review and select grants, as well as, schedule an additional meeting, in Chico, May 12-13, 2011.

C. PDG Projects Solicitation Board discussed and decided assuming a \$35K PDG grant, to fund “up to 4” projects that address AB2’s Strategic Plan “Area of Emphasis.” Robin reviewed project ideas collected from the community and solicited ideas from Board members, regarding needs in their communities.

***D. Discuss and Adopt Plan** After discussion, assuming the RFP is finalized soon, the Board agreed to adopt the timeline and activity plan presented for our PDG process.

MOTION – To hold a May 12-13, 2011 Board Meeting to review/select PDG projects.

M/S/C – V. Mertens/L. Stevens/Passed Unanimously

E. Other Robin reviewed required Board Member’s forms including California Form 700 “Statement of Economic Interest” and Ethics Training with “Certificates of Completion”. The Ethics training can be taken on-line and hard copies were provided. Robin noted both forms need to be signed and on file at the office by April 1, 2011.

8. RECESS 4:28 P.M. UNTIL 9:00A.M. FRIDAY AT OXFORD SUITES IN CHICO

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1. CALL TO ORDER – February 11, 2011 – 9:01a.m. - Leroy Shipp, *Chair*

A. Introductions – All introduced themselves.

B. Announcements – Sarah gathered hotel receipts and paperwork with signatures.

Leroy shared a Sacramento Bee article about a synagogue marking “Disability Awareness Month” and SCDD handouts. Robin shared a Chico N&R article, “Love and Sex for the Disabled” about We Care A Lot Foundation’s “Me and You” class.

C. Public Input – None.

2. NEW ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE – Larry Stevens

Larry Stevens shared information on a free service from National Federation of the Blind (NFB) News Line that reads newspaper articles and more, to people with disabilities, on their home phone.

3. PLUMAS COUNTY - EMERGING ISSUES/NEEDS/RESOURCES – Debbie Anderson

Debbie Anderson reported on Plumas Rural Services’ A.L.I.V.E. Program and how budget reductions are impacting staffing. Plumas County People First remains inactive. Her daughter Stephanie was featured in the latest Watch Out Newsletter. Her other daughter, Sarah, a student at Butte College’s Paramedic Academy, recommended the Instructor include training on special populations. Robin noted AB2 worked with the Police Academy and Sarah could contact Area Board 2 for assistance.

4. GLENN COUNTY SELPA – Vicki Shadd, *SELPA Director*

Vicki Shadd, Glenn County SELPA Director, discussed student led IEP’s, which has been the standard in Glenn County since 1992-93. Student led IEP’s start at the 6th grade and focus on what the student “can do”. At first students may just say their name and ask people to introduce themselves. Parents, with 98% participation, see pictures/videos of their child’s progress and

are more cooperative. Regular Ed. teachers who are invited by the student are more likely to attend. Students leave High School with self confidence, goals and understanding how to ask for the accommodations they need. Vickie has gone all over the state promoting Student led IEP's and Arizona is a leader in this process, however systemically it is not across the board. She reported that Glenn County includes 8 School Districts and services 612 Special Education Students. Vicki introduced Molly Lex, Teacher, and Luis Vazquez, student, who shared the IEP process. Luis shared his goals and plans after graduation. Vicki also shared that Glenn County has a solid Work Ability Program and Transition Partnership Program (TPP) with Department of Rehabilitation, which adds to the cooperative spirit of promoting self direction.

5. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, *Executive Director*

Laura Larson reported on the partnership with Rural Education Institute (REI) and the March 11, 2011 Symposium on Supported Living Services. Laura highlighted the latest newsletter of Watch Out, a consumer managed publication. She reported that Doreen Rasmos from Income Links will be having private consultations with providers working with customized employment. Laura shared new work opportunities through Mains'L Program, including home repair business, furniture restoration, volunteer opportunities at Patrick's Ranch and Little Red Hen's on-line store! She also reported that Mains'L's College Plus Program will be expanding to Shasta College next year. Laura expressed concerns regarding budget issues and that the system will not survive if proposed cuts are implemented. She shared that DDS created a survey to respond to Purchase of Service Standards and ideas for solutions. Robin encouraged Board members to respond to DDS's on-line survey.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Robin Keehn, *Executive Director*

A. FY 2010-11 Expenditure Report Robin reviewed BSG/QAP 2010-11 expenditures from July 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. Board requested to review budget at the beginning and end of the fiscal year. They are confident in the financial oversight of budget.

B. Activity Update In addition to the packet report and handouts, Robin reviewed SCDD State Plan and public hearings. She was encouraged that self advocacy is woven throughout the plan. Robin reported that NCSBA is organizing another public meeting in April 2011.

C. Other Robin shared FNRC & AB2 updated Legislative handouts. AB2's update now includes County Board of Supervisor information. She reviewed the exceptional information in FNRC's handout, especially the economic value of our system.

7. COMMUNITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST II REPORT – Sarah May, *CPSII*

A. Community Outreach Report Sarah reviewed current activities and projects, including DAT, SCCC projects, Advocacy Networking, Quality Assurance Project and Family Surveys, community outreach and Butte College Autism Activism Club Projects.

B. Advocacy Projects Sarah reviewed advocacy cases and successful outcomes.

8. ADJOURN – 12:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – April 7-8, 2011 -- Oxford Suites, Redding.